

Southwest Harbor Conservation Commission  
Minutes from Meeting on Monday, May 10, 2021

In attendance: Jane Ayres, Treasurer; Ann Ratcliff; Elena Scotti; Eleanor Park; Ellen Scull; Kristin Hutchins, SWH Select Board Liason; Ann Judd, Secretary; Misha Mytar; Maine Coast Heritage Trust; Rachel Pierce, 2021 Rhoades Park Manager

I Minutes of the March 16, 2021 meeting were approved

II **Pemetic Tree Planting Update**

Ann Ratcliff reported that the School contacted the Water Department for hook up for new irrigation, which since has been done. The planting will get done sometime this spring.

III **Rhoades Park Update**

Ann Judd reported that the Park will be open daily from dawn to dusk this summer, back to normal hours. The Butterfly Release will happen on July 29<sup>th</sup>, but it was decided that the guests come in two sessions, one at 1:30pm and one at 3:30pm to spread out the people at the event. Also, there will not be a group “launch” but instead guests will receive their boxed butterflies upon arrival and can take them home or release them at the Park on their own. Ann will need help from everyone because of the split times. State Covid guidelines will be followed.

Separately, there will also be an “Open House” for Southwest Harbor residents on Friday, June 25<sup>th</sup> between 1-3pm. There will be some seed giveaways and Monarch tagging demonstrations – everything free.

IV **Treasurer’s Report**

Jane reported that we are in good shape going into the summer, and she will move money from savings to checking to anticipate Butterfly Release and Rhoades Park expenditures.

V **Chris’ Pond**

Misha reported that the Land and Water Fund Grant is being prepared to be submitted by the deadline in a few weeks. She will be on the Select Board agenda May 12<sup>th</sup> and will present a plan of the neighboring Letcher property that shows new driveway access to the pond with parking spaces. She is working on the match for the grant funding which could include in-kind labor and material matches for things like the warming hut and disposal fees for the structure on the Letcher property. Everyone is encouraged to attend the Select Board meeting on zoom if not in person. The Harbor Committee may drop their part of the submission to the LWCF application, as they may not be ready.

Next meeting: TBD